



# PRECIOUS GEMS Home for Women

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## Happy New Year!

By Lynn Mulder, Board President

As another Christmas comes and goes, I am more thankful every day for the wonderful gift of Jesus that God gave to the world. And that our Savior was willing to leave his perfect, unimaginably beautiful home in heaven to come to this imperfect, sinful earth to be rejected, mocked, beaten, spit upon and ultimately killed so that I can have eternal life with him. Can you take that in? We can never truly thank him or love Him enough for His sacrifice. However, we can share this awesome gift with those around us.

The new year is now here and our prayer is that by February 1 we will be able to open the doors of Precious Gems Home for Women and

start sharing the incredible news with young women that they are precious to Him and are loved so very much. What a great privilege! We will also be able to help them with physical needs as well. Some of these young women will come to us with no family or support system, very few personal belongings and no place to call home. How thankful we should be for the family and possessions we have.

My parents have been wonderful examples through the years of caring for people, and I'm grateful for the lessons they taught us about compassion and love for others. At Thanksgiving dinner we prayed this prayer

together. As you start the new year, perhaps this can be your prayer as well.

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, stir my compassion and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen

- Samuel F. Pugh

**HAVE A BLESSED 2014!**

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## THANKS

**Thank you to all the families who made us part of your Christmas giving! We sincerely appreciate each and every one of you!**

## OUR MISSION

To serve our God by providing a home to young women who are homeless; to help them learn to trust; to help them make good choices; to provide stability as they mature; to help them discover who they are, where they want to go, and what they want to be; to give them a place to call home as they begin their adult journey in life.

Suppose a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to her, "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed", but does nothing about her physical needs, what good is it? Faith by itself, if not accompanied by works, is dead. James 2: 15-17

## NEEDS

- \* Snow Shovel
- \* Vacuum Cleaner
- \* Storage Shed

\*Precious Gems is a 501(c)3 organization so your gifts are fully tax-deductible

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Lisa Bronkema, Treasurer  
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**WARDROBES NEEDED**

We are in need of two more wardrobes for our home. If anyone would be interested in making these for us, we will supply the materials. Please email us, call Lisa Bronkema at (231) 825-2353, or contact any of our board members.

**SPECIAL THANKS!**

A special thanks to the Ouwinga brothers, Don, Jim and Roger, for donating so much time and labor to make our home a beautiful place!!! We appreciate ALL that you have done!

**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to Temple Hill Baptist Church and all who donated to the Precious Gems tree this Christmas Season. Your generosity is appreciated so much!

**DIAMONDS & RUBIES LUNCHEON**

Our second annual Diamonds and Rubies Luncheon is coming up February 8th from 11 am - 2 pm. It will be held at Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac. Details and photos from last year are on our website. Please let us know if you would like to host a table, donate a basket or purchase a ticket by emailing us at [preciousgemshome@gmail.com](mailto:preciousgemshome@gmail.com) or calling Lynn Mulder at (231) 878-8613.

**THINK "MISSIONS"**

In order to keep our home running, we estimate our budget to be about \$3,500 per month. That calculates to 70 churches, businesses or individuals pledging \$50 per month. We are funded completely by donation and any donation is helpful and appreciated. We are also in need of pledges for mortgage payments of approximately \$675 per month. Please let us know if you are able to contribute in any way. And, thank you for your past support. We appreciate you SO much!

**BECOME A "PIECE" OF PRECIOUS GEMS**

Would you like to become a "piece" of Precious Gems? We have selected a 500 piece puzzle, and each puzzle piece is \$25.

For each \$25 your donate, we would take a piece of our puzzle and write your name/family on the back of each piece. You have now become a "piece" of our puzzle!

Once all the puzzle pieces have been claimed, we will have a puzzle party where we will put the puzzle together, frame it, and hang it backwards to display all your names and all your love! It will then be hung in the home as a reminder of your love and how you are all an important "piece" of making Precious Gems successful.

Please make checks payable to Precious Gems (with "puzzle piece" in the memo), and mail it to 130 S. Sabina Street, McBain, MI 49657

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